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SUBJ: STUDENT ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATION

1. MORNING JANUARY 27 GROUP OF STUDENTS HELD DEMONSTRATION AT PUNJAB UNIVERSITY PROTESTING ALLEGED THREAT BY PRESIDENT FORD TO SEIZE ARAB OIL FIELDS BY FORCE. POLICE ATTEMPTED TO CONFINE STUDENTS TO CAMPUS GROUNDS, BUT SOME BROKE THROUGH CORDON AND CAME ONTO ADJACENT MALL (LAHORE'S MAIN THOROUGHFARE) WHERE THEY BURNED EFFIGY OF PRESIDENT FORD. THEREAFTER THEY DISPERSED QUIETLY AT REQUEST OF POLICE.

2. DEMONSTRATION WAS SPONSORED JOINTLY BY PUNJAB UNIVERSITY STUDENTS UNION (PUSU) AND ASSOCIATION OF ARAB STUDENTS -- LATTER REPRESENTING STUDENTS AT VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN CITY. DEMONSTRATION REPORTEDLY LED BY PUSU PRESIDENT FARID PIRACHA AND UNCLASSIFIED

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GENERAL SECRETARY ABDUL SHAKOOR, PLUS PRESIDENT OF

ARAB STUDENTS ORGANIZATION (LAHORE) ABUL FATEH. LEADERS CONDEMNED "ANTI-MUSLIM ATTITUDE" OF PRESIDENT FORD, CALLED FOR ALL ARAB COUNTRIES TO UNITE AGAINST U.S., AND DEMANDED THAT PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO CANCEL HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO U.S. PUSU PRESIDENT PIRACHA CHARGED THAT, DURING 1970 ELECTIONS IN PAKISTAN, BHUTTO PREACHED AGAINST USG POLICIES, AND THAT, ALTHOUGH AMERICAN ATTITUDE HAD NOT CHANGED, BHUTTO'S HAD. SLOGANS REPORTEDLY INCLUDED "LONG LIVE PLO," "LONG LIVE ARAB UNITY," "DOWN WITH US IMPERIALISM," PLUS OTHERS CONDEMNING FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS OF PAKISTAN, IN REACTION TO SECURITY MEASURES DESIGNED TO KEEP STUDENTS ON CAMPUS.

3. COMMENT: ASSUME LAHORE DEMONSTRATION PARROTTED ONE IN KARACHI ON JANUARY 18. STUDENTS DID NOT APPROACH USG OFFICES. PUSU IS STUDENT ARM OF OPPOSITION JAMAIT-I-ISLAMI PARTY AND LOCAL OBSERVERS BELIEVE ITS INTEREST IN SUCH POLITICAL ACTIVITY IS AS MUCH INTERNAL AS EXTERNAL. SPENGLER

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